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Holden Commends State Employees' Generosity during Charitable Campaign

Jefferson City—Governor Bob Holden will be commending state employees for their generous support of the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign, in a ceremony in his office Monday.

At that time, Commissioner of Administration Jacquelyn D. White will announce that employee contributions statewide totaled \$983,000. Of that amount, \$380,500 will remain locally in the central Missouri area: Cole, Callaway and Boone counties.

"Employees have been exceedingly generous during these trying times. To see this level of support and commitment brings honor to all of us. I can never say enough about the kind of good and caring employees who work in state government," Holden said.

In spite of the economy, 8,900 state employees participated in the campaign, giving an average \$111, which is a four-percent increase in the average contribution.

Statewide, the United Ways of Missouri will receive 480,000, with the United Way of Central Missouri receiving \$175,000 of that amount.

Over the last 17 years of the Campaign's existence, state employees have given \$14 million, an average of \$825,000 per year. This year's contributions of \$983,000 are significantly above the 17-year average.

The campaign gives state employees a wide selection of choices for donating their charitable dollars to local, state and national organizations. Representatives from state departments and elected officials participate in organizing and administering the annual campaign. No public monies directly support campaign expenses.